AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a hard coat film, comprising a matrix-forming component and particles of a composite metal oxide,

wherein the composite metal oxide particles are composed of an iron oxide component and a titanium oxide component, the weight ratio Fe_2O_3/TiO_2 being in the range of 0.0005 to less than 0.005, provided that Fe_2O_3 and TiO_2 represent the weight in terms of Fe_2O_3 of the iron oxide component and the weight in terms of TiO_2 of the titanium oxide component, respectively, ~~and~~

wherein the composite metal oxide particles have an average particle size ranging from 1 to 100 nm, and said film exhibits no perceived photochromism or coloration from weathering.

2. (Currently amended): A coating liquid for forming a hard coat film, comprising a matrix-forming component and particles of a composite metal oxide,

wherein the composite metal oxide particles are composed of iron oxide, titanium oxide and silica, the weight ratio Fe_2O_3/TiO_2 being in the range of 0.0005 to less than 0.005, and the weight ratio $SiO_2/(Fe_2O_3 + TiO_2)$ being in the range of 0.001 to 1.0, provided that Fe_2O_3, TiO_2 and SiO_2 represent the weight in terms of Fe_2O_3 of iron oxide, the weight n terms of TIO_2 of titanium oxide and the weight in terms of SiO_2 of silica, respectively, ~~and~~

wherein the composite metal oxide particles have an average particle size ranging from 1 to 100 nm, and said film exhibits no perceived photochromism or coloration from weathering.

3. (Previously presented): The coating liquid for forming a hard coat film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composite metal oxide particles have their surface modified with an organosilicon compound.

4. (Previously presented): A substrate coated with a hard coat film, which is formed by applying to the substrate surface the coating liquid for forming a hard coat film as claimed in claim 1.

5. (Original): The substrate coated with a hard coat film as claimed in claim 4, wherein the hard coat film has its surface overcoated with an antireflection film.

6. (Previously presented): The coating liquid for forming a hard coat film as claimed in claim 2, wherein the composite metal oxide particles have their surface modified with an organosilicon compound.

7. (Previously presented): A substrate coated with a hard coat film, which is formed by applying to the substrate surface the coating liquid for forming a hard coat film as claimed in claim 2.

8. (Previously presented): A substrate coated with a hard coat film, which is formed by applying to the substrate surface the coating liquid for forming a hard coat film as claimed in claim 3.

9. (Previously presented): A substrate coated with a hard coat film, which is formed by applying to the substrate surface the coating liquid for forming a hard coat film as claimed in claim 6.

10. (Previously presented): The substrate coated with a hard coat film as claimed in claim 7, wherein the hard coat film has its surface overcoated with an antireflection film.

11. (Previously presented): The substrate coated with a hard coat film as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hard coat film has its surface overcoated with an antireflection film.

12. (Previously presented): The substrate coated with a hard coat film as claimed in claim 9, wherein the hard coat film has its surface overcoated with an antireflection film.

13. (Previously presented): The coating liquid of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio Fe_2O_3/TiO_2 is in the range of 0.001 to 0.0045.

14. (Previously presented): The coating liquid of claim 2, wherein the weight ratio Fe_2O_3/TiO_2 is in the range of 0.001 to 0.0045.